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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, mailed February 2, 2004, Applicants understand that this paper has been vacated per a message from Ms. Kimberly Spears (703-308-7827).

Applicant understands that this paper was improperly issued because the drawings were properly submitted under the heading of "replacement sheets". Additionally, the claims all have status identifiers and the status identifier "previously amended" was not used. As such, applicant understands that this paper has been vacated and that no formal response is due.

If the Examiner believes an interview would be of assistance, the Examiner is welcome to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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